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## OUR IDLE CLASSES.

In the United States we are now facing not only labor problems but problems created by voluntary idleness on the part of those who should be engaged in some gainful undertaking. In any city in this land a stranger from Europe is always impressed with a number of men and boys upon the streets during the ordinary hours of labor. This is equally true of cities like New York, Salt Lake and San Francisco. The figures for New York are very hard to arrive at, owing to the size and peculiarities of its population, but in Salt Lake City census reports disclose that 40 per cent of the male population is not engaged in any employment or business that yields a living. These men, as the police would say, have no visible means of support.

Germany, on the contrary, not only gives her young men practical training in the important trades, but compels them to work after they leave school. The government controls 700 employment offices in that country through which 1,300,000 positions are filled each year. If work can be found for a man by this means, he must avail himself of it or suffer the consequences. If a German squanders his wages in any form of dissipation or extravagance and his family suffers, he can be declared a fit subject for guardianship by a police magistrate. He will then be forced to work five and a half days every week and his wages will go to his family during the term of his sentence. In order to be sure that he is sober and able to go to work on Monday, the magistrate generally orders him to be locked up from Saturday noon until Monday morning. This strenuous treatment makes the German father look after the wants of his family.

No one living in New York, says the Commercial, can doubt the statement that at least 25 per cent of the male population are not steadily employed and a large part of these have no desire for steady work. The crowds on the street seem always to be in a hurry; but if anything happens to attract attention; if a faker shows a new puzzle; if a large stone is being hoisted to the top of a high building, the street at once becomes choked with men who stand and watch until the police have to elude them away. These men cannot be employed by others or be engaged in any important business of their own or they could not waste time in this way. Those who have good memories for faces will recognize in such crowds the same people day after day, week after week.

Our public school system is not developing the right sort of young men. A boy of 14 or 15 becomes unwilling to go to school any longer and often seeks some light employment as a messenger or otherwise spends two or three years in picking up tips, and the slang and evils ways of the streets and then finds himself at an age when he should be earning a man's pay. He cannot do a man's work because he has never been taught a trade or engaged in work while younger which would train his muscles to heavy labor. He becomes a corner loafer who lives on the earnings of others of his family, perhaps an aged father or mother, until that means fail him. Then he joins the ranks of the criminals and in many cases spends a large part of his after life behind the bars in the state's prisons of the country.

In the opinion of German authorities, every boy should go to school until about sixteen years of age. After that he should either be apprenticed to learn a skilled trade or he should attend college to fit himself for one of the learned professions, as he prefers or as the means of his parents permit. Under no conditions should a boy of this critical age be allowed to spend hours on the streets of the large cities every day of his life, even if he should be actually employed in some light work that would take him there. The danger is much greater in this country than it is in Germany, where habits of thrift are general and where it is considered to be a disgrace not to know how to do something of service to the person and to the community.

## THE SPLIT IN THE PARTY.

There is little reason to believe that, even with the renewed prestige given him by the Illinois primary, Mr. Roosevelt can win the republican presidential nomination. The great argument of the third-term advocates will now be that, in the light of the Illinois result, President Taft cannot possibly be re-elected if nominated. Such an argument, of course, rests upon the assumption, unproved to be sure, that Mr. Taft could not carry a state which had performed Mr. Roosevelt as a candidate, and that means nothing else than that the Roosevelt following would not be loyal to the party ticket. True as this may be, it is

equally true that Mr. Roosevelt's nomination would send the party beyond all hope of an early reconciliation; and if anyone doubts this he should read the proceedings of the New York republican state convention, particularly the militant, uncompromising address of the chairman, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university. He forecasted a tremendous bolt from the Roosevelt nomination, in case it should be made, in saying, "With all this the republican party must be everlastingly at war. We are not yet ready to substitute government by men of presumably good intentions for government by law. This contest within the party, and that presidential election may decide whether our government is to be republican or Cossack."

A demand for a compromise candidate may develop strength in case Mr. Roosevelt should be able to follow up his Illinois success with some other striking victories. Mr. La Follette did not personally contest Illinois, yet he polled some 50,000 votes, and in California, where primaries are still to be held, the Wisconsin senator will make a fierce and tenacious fight in his own behalf. Mr. La Follette is the true republican progressive; Mr. Roosevelt is a fake democrat ambitiously seeking personal power and trying to override the country's traditions, regarding Caesarism in the presidency. The republican conservatives should emulate Mr. La Follette and fight the third-term claimant with savage persistence if they wish to overwhelm him as he deserves.

## NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE.

One can hardly imagine a scene of greater solemnity and tragic beauty than the final moments before the Titanic sank beneath the waves with its freight of human souls. The cold, star-lit, moon-lit night, in mid-ocean; the wide sweep of placid sea, marked here and there by giant icebergs that glittered like diamonds under the soft rays of light; the lifeboats moving rapidly away from the scene of tragedy, the hearts of their occupants frozen with horror in anticipation of the final convulsion; the twinkling lights of the steamer as it rolled and pitched in the stress of dissolution; the screams of men and women aboard and at sea in the boats; and then, softly over the waters the melody of the ship's band playing as though in a concert before happy people, "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

No stage deliberately set for a drama, ever equalled that of the last moments of the Titanic. It was a scene of superlative grandeur, when 1600 people, massed together in the presence of certain death, hushed their cries and fears as they gazed over the mighty waters and listened with bated breath and pallid faces to the music of the ship's faithful band.

"Nearer, My God, to Thee," came the melody, slower and softer as the great leviathan sank into its deep-sea bed, and the efforts of the musicians were stilled at last in the icy waters of death.

Have you thought of the heroism and devotion of those bandmen? Plain, humble, hard-working men they were—hired for a sum to furnish music for those who shipped on pleasure and business to cross the deep. Duty hardly called them to stand on the bridge as the ship went down, or to man the lifeboats in any icy sea. Yet they had their duty. In the supreme moment they seized the lead of the tragic procession. At the instant when captain and officers had ceased to give orders, and when the ship's load was ready for the final summons, it was the band that moved into the leadership and with hearts attuned to the music of the spheres played the consummating melody of earth, "Nearer, My God, to Thee!"

And so may it be with all of us, whether we meet death in the hush of a quiet home or amid scenes of terror and distress—that we shall hear the sweetest melodies and be conveyed hence with angels of light, hoping to the last that we have done our duty as we saw it to do, and that God will overlook the frailties common to all human hearts.

## LEST WE FORGET.

There are some points in the public record of Theodore Roosevelt that deserve special emphasis. They may escape the memory of the republicans of California, so we shall take the pains of recalling them. It is well, for instance, to remember:

That Roosevelt decided not to ask congress to undertake tariff revision after he had held a conference with Senator Nelson W. Aldrich and Joseph G. Cannon.

That Roosevelt authorized the United States Steel Corporation to complete its monopoly by gobbling up the Tennessee Coal and Iron Co.

That Roosevelt once wrote: "Can we antagonize the Morgan interests which have always been so friendly to us?"

That two of the largest of the "Morgan interests" are the United States Steel Corporation and the International Harvester company, now backing his third-term candidacy and through George W. Perkins financing his campaign.

That, following a meeting with Perkins, Roosevelt as president, refused to proceed with the prosecution of the harvester trust, even though he had already ordered that suit to be filed.

That Medill McCormick, one of the most active of the Roosevelt supporters, got his fortune out of the harvester trust.

That E. H. Harriman, at Roosevelt's request, raised \$250,000 to elect him president in 1904, and took subscriptions to the fund as follows: E. H. Harriman, \$50,000; Vanderbilt interests, \$25,000; Chauncey M. Depew, \$25,000; J. Pierpont Morgan, \$10,000; George W. Perkins, \$10,000; Standard Oil interests, \$10,000; other moneyed interests in smaller amounts but totaling in themselves \$110,000 more.

It is well to bear these things in mind in view of the fact that Roosevelt is now campaigning as a "progressive," and telling the people that he alone stands between them and a government for and by the special interests.

It is well to note also that as the candidate of the steel trust Roosevelt is at the same time the candidate of the railroads, for the steel trust controls more than half of the railroad properties in the country.—Sacramento Union.

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